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Delivered to Senator Strom Thurmond's office, a Legislative

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Counsel response to the correspondence of January 2 from

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and noted in passing that the transmittal of January 12

had not been received by the Agency.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Legislative Matters**

1. On this date I met with Admiral Taylor and Colonel White for the weekly discussion of legislative business.

2. Discussed S. 2988 and the request from the Bureau of the Budget for a report on an expedite basis. I indicated that there were a number of places in this bill where the Committee had inserted language to take care of our needs such as clear-cut exemption from the proposed Central Security Office. Since we had secured adjustments where necessary, our report to the Bureau of the Budget was simply going to say "no comment." It was agreed this was the proper approach.

3. I referred to the 25 February 1968 item in Joe Young's column in THE STAR that Representative Dulski, Chairman of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, has recommended hearings by the Committee on S. 1035. I stated we had reviewed this matter with the Committee and Joe Young does not accurately reflect the Committee's position which is that in no event could any action occur before 30 May and there are still no plans to hold hearings.

4. I mentioned the Proposed July 1968 General Schedule increases indicating that they were very close to the projections made in the Senate Report on the pay bill last November. Colonel White indicated that he had seen something in the press indicating that the President has moved up by one year the date on which the Commission would report on executive, judicial, and congressional salaries. I indicated I had no knowledge that this was fact but would check into the authenticity of the item and the situation under the law.

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5. I mentioned H. R. 13738 indicating that the per diem increases proposed earlier had been reduced. For example, the regular per diem from \$16 to \$25 is now pegged at \$20.

6. I briefed on the existence of a legislative proposal in State entitled "Retirement Incentive" which has as its purpose to give additional credit for those who are otherwise eligible to retire of up to two years creditable service plus having the extra two years credited at the salary held at time of retirement which gives the normal individual a better break on high five. I stated this was solely an internal proposal but was on Katzenbach's desk for consideration and had not been surfaced to the Bureau of the Budget. I indicated that Messrs. Bannerman and [ ] have been briefed on this and have copies.

7. I mentioned that the Hays bill which would bring the Foreign Service cost-of-living formula up-to-date is going into mark up tomorrow. A Senate version has already been approved. This bill in effect serves the same purpose as the corresponding portion of the Agency bill. In this connection I mentioned I had spoken to Mr. Philbin last week who agreed that we should have this and it would not take long and that he would discuss it with Chairman Rivers.

8. I mentioned the biannual letter from House Government Operations to the Agency with regard to an inventory of real and personal property assets of the U. S. Government. I stated I was planning to respond as we had in prior years and that [ ] had been alerted [ ]

9. In connection with the wiretap legislation, advised we checked on this just last week and it appears that the Administration bill sponsored by Senator Long, S. 928, appears to be dead and, in all likelihood, the McClellan bill would be the one that would be reported. This is the "Crime in the Streets" Administration proposal with the wiretapping as a rider. I indicated that both the Long and McClellan versions had wording to satisfy the Agency and NSA in it and we would continue to watch it.

10. Indicated we had discussed with Fascell's staff man the question of responding to their query on the Agency's efforts in organized crime, and that they would not insist on an answer. Colonel White indicated he would simply advise the Director the matter had been taken care of.

11. I also mentioned I had delivered 1969 budget books to Mr. Michaels. Colonel White indicated he would like, if at all possible, to have Messrs. Woodruff and Michaels out together for a briefing session and that they would be ready in the very near future.

12. I touched on Senator Montoya's visit on Wednesday and indicated he had traveled to Latin America in January and had been briefed by  prior to departure.

s/ John S. Warner

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